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Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [a122]

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BIRTH.
On the 28th May, at 16, Woosung Road, the
wife of GEORGE ROLLO, of a son (stillborn).

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVŒUX ROAD, S.I.
LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG, 4TH JUNE, 1904.

NEXT to, and usefully supplementing the
ability of the Japanese leaders to keep their
own counsel, is the skill that they have
undoubtedly displayed in rapidly changing
their plans to suit the changing necessities
of the campaign. There seems to be little
doubt that up to the 15th May, when the
loss of the *Hudesa* compelled the Japanese
commander to review his position, the main
objective of the war had been the possession
of Moukden and the basin of the Hun
Ho, with the eventual object of isolating
Vladivostock. According to this plan it
would seem to have been considered un-
necessary to make any active attack on Port
Arthur, which apparently was to have been
left to the eventualities of famine. As the
Japanese at the time had complete
command of the sea, this plan, although con-
trary to the fundamental principle of war
which forbids the leaving of a powerful
post of the enemy in the rear of an advanc-
ing army, had much to recommend it. The
loss of the *Hudesa* and *Yoshino* very con-
siderably altered the fighting capabilities of
the fleet, and reduced to an impractical
number the ships needed for any successful
operation in the neighbourhood of Vladivostock. This apparently accounts for the
slacking of the Japanese operations in the
neighbourhood of the river Liao. Whatever
lack of initiative the Russians may possess
in the active carrying on of a war in an
enemy's country, the conduct of the defence
of Sebastopol proves their capacity in the
equally important art of rapidly making
good a damaged position, and quickly

throwing up formidable earthworks. The
three eventful days succeeding the 27th
September, 1854, were made such good use
of by the beleaguered garrison of Sebastopol,
that on the 30th the capture by assault of
the fortress, a perfectly practicable feat on
the first day, had become an absolute im-
possibility without regular siege operations.
On the 17th October these hasty fortifica-
tions of the Russians, mainly, it is true,
through the genius of Tonleben, had been
so far perfected that a regular attack
assisted by a formidable train of siege arti-
llery proved a fiasco, and for the entire of
the succeeding winter was the aspect of
affairs completely changed, and the
besiegers had themselves to undergo the hard-
ship of a siege. Apparently inspired by a
new hope after the events of the 15th May
the Russian garrison at Port Arthur had
evidently followed, probably instinctively,
the same tactics. The result was that when
the attacking force reached the intrench-
ments at Kinchow on the 21st ultimo, they
found the enemy had made formidable
arrangements for the defence, that
all the heights commanding the ap-
proaches were occupied in force, and the
foot of the hills was still further protected
by mines, wire fences, and barbed entangle-
ments. Prior to the attack the Japanese
had located some thirty pieces of artillery
of from 10 to 20 centimetres calibre, a large
number of which were quick-firers, besides
a number of smaller capacity, the number
of which was unknown. It was evident
therefore that a determined defence was in-
tended, and that unless the Japanese were
prepared for a formidable loss of life no
attack could expect to be successful. It
will thus be seen that on both sides the
action was intended to be serious, and the
Japanese evidently from their preparations
fully comprehended this. It is well that
this should be understood, as a French
contemporary, which has undertaken the
thankless office of Russian *claqueur général*,
has described the part taken by the Russians
as a simple demonstration! In view of the
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A Singapore contemporary notes the arrival
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Hamburg with a cargo of preserved fish for
Nikolajevsk. She sailed at Tanjong Pagar
and left for the North. It would be interesting
to know, our contemporary remarks, if the
Japanese will treat the *Bianca's* cargo as
contraband of war, as she is taking foodstuff to
a Russian port.

Yesterday's plague return contained six cases
all fatal.

Among the passengers who left by the *Coolie*
yesterday was Mrs. McWade, wife of Hon. R.
McWade, U.S. Consul-General, Canton.

Under the auspices of the V.R.C. a
swimming fete is to take place on the
afternoon of the 11th, next Saturday, when
there will be a two lengths' handicap, a boys'
race, team race, and a game of water polo
against the Volunteers.

Frear, of the "Famous Frivolities," gives
the first of his two entertainments in the
Theatre Royal this evening, and has prepared a
programme which should attract a good house.
Some local assistance has been secured for the
fares, and an excellent evening's entertainment
can be confidently anticipated. The band of
H.M.S. *Cressy* will be in attendance.

It will be remembered that De Rougemont
related as one of his most marvellous adventures in
unknown Australia how he escaped from savages
by riding off on the back of a turtle. To con-
vince unbelievers of the practicality of his
feat he has now arranged to appear on the back
of a turtle in the Hippodrome, London.
Unfortunately all efforts to secure a turtle large
enough to carry him have been so far unsuc-
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The 11th and 12th Regiments, very great, and are not yet exactly known, the 11th Regiment, the killed included Colonel Lam and Lieutenant-Colonel Donatov Ralovskiy. The 12th Regiment lost a company commander killed or wounded.

The 1st and 3rd Batteries of the 5th Brigade, having the greater number of their men and horses, could not bring away their guns, and adjoined them after rendering them useless. For the same reason the six guns of the 3rd Battery and eight howitzers could not be brought away, and they were also disabled. The inauspicious nature of the country rendered it impossible to save the guns by means of drags.

Up to the present 800 wounded, including four officers, have been brought into the hospital at Fengwangcheng. Their eventual transport elsewhere is fully assured.

Japanese cavalry appeared to the south-east Fengwangcheng, but, seeing two companies with two guns opposed to it, did not venture to approach.

The transport of the wounded by hired boats to Fengwangcheng was very difficult. T-wheeled carts, and horses lent by the cavalry, were also utilised for bringing in the wounded. Most of these, however, arrived on foot, assisted by their comrades, and reached Fengwangcheng within twenty-four hours.

General Sassevitch declares that the troops raised their morale, notwithstanding their heavy losses, and are ready for fresh engagements.

The Japanese losses were very heavy at the passage of the Albo, at their position at Turen-en, and on the hill occupied by the two battalions of the 11th Regiment. According to statements of men who took part in the battle, at least three to four thousand were killed.

GENERAL KASHTALINSKY'S REPORT.

I consider it my duty to report the painful and glorious circumstances of the fight sustained by the troops under my orders against superior Japanese forces on May 1st at Turen-en (Kien-cheng).

On the morning of April 30th the Japanese had already turned my left flank, which had been occupied by the heights of Kien-cheng after a fight. It was on this account that I ordered the battalions of the 22nd Regiment, which had occupied Kien-cheng, to retire across the on the position of Potiointzy.

On the morning of the same day an extraordinarily violent and prolonged bombardment of the whole position of Turen-en was begun from Wiju. It was anticipated that the Japanese, after the bombardment, in which more than 2,000 shells were fired, would take the offensive.

On the night of May 1st I received, from General Sassevitch, orders to accept battle by remaining on my former position. On the left flank of my position the forts of Potiointzy were defended by two battalions of the 22nd Regiment and the 3rd battery of the Sixth Brigade.

The Japanese took the offensive at five o'clock in the morning, sending towards the forts of the Iho River at least one division of infantry, which, advancing in column, sustained enormous losses, but crossed the forts and attacked. The position was commanded in flank by thirty-six field guns and by siege batteries.

The 12th Regiment, covered by the fire of the brigade, and by a company of machine guns, which, by a terrible fire, arrested the advance of the Japanese, advanced and occupied the position.

Towards noon I ascertained that the Japanese had routed a battalion of the 22nd Regiment, posted at Chin-gau, and were turning my left flank. At one o'clock in the afternoon my left flank was reinforced by two battalions of the 11th Regiment and a battery commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Mouravskiy, who were sent from the reserve by General Sassevitch, with orders to hold their ground until the departure of the 9th and 10th Regiments from Shukedza.

I ordered the 11th Regiment to occupy a commanding position in the rear from which they could fire on the enemy from two sides.

I held Lieutenant-Colonel Mouravskiy's battery in reserve, and ordered the 12th Regiment, the 3rd Battery, and the quick-firing guns to retire under cover of the 11th Regiment. My Chief of Staff led the rearguard to its position.

At one o'clock the Japanese approached so close to the position held by the 11th Regiment that the 3rd Battery could not pass along under a cross fire, and, taking up a short distance from the Japanese, remained there until the end of the fight, losing its commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Mouravskiy.

A company with quick-firing guns was brought up from the rearguard. The officer commanding this force, seeing the difficult situation of Colonel Mouravskiy's battery, took up a position on his own initiative. He lost half his men and all his horses, and attempted to bring away his guns by hand and take them under shelter of the hills under a cross fire. The quick-firing guns discharged about 35,000 bullets. The 12th Regiment cut its way through and saved its colours. The 2nd Battery of the Sixth Brigade, having attempted to rejoin the reserve by another route, could not ascend the mountain slopes with only half its horses, and, returning to its original position, received the Japanese attack.

The 11th Regiment, which held its ground for two hours more with heavy losses, forced a passage at the point of the bayonet and crossed the ravines with its colours.

It lost its colonel-commandant, forty officers, and about 2,000 non-commissioned officers and men.

The Japanese losses must have been enormous.

The Russians retired in good order on Fengwangcheng. The men of the 3rd Division maintained their excellent morale, and more than 700 wounded proceeded with their regiments to Fengwangcheng.

WAR NOTES.

FEELING ON THE CHINESE FRONTIER.

The Chinese Minister in Paris has denied, according to the *Temps*, that any popular movement was imminent in China and said that the Chinese Government was well able to guard the frontier and to maintain order in the interior.

SCOTTISH WAR-DOGS FOR RUSSIA.

A London paper announces that Major Hartington Richardson, Carnoustie, Scotland, the well-known trainer of ambulance dogs, received on Saturday from St. Petersburg, by command of the Tsar, an order for the supply of a considerable number of his valuable dogs for use at the seat of war. These animals, which are chiefly of the crossbred collie and man-hunting bloodhound type, are to be instantly despatched to Manchuria and the Far East. Major Richardson, who has devoted many years to the training of dogs for official purposes, is the only recognised breeder and trainer of war-dogs in Britain.

JAPAN'S FIRST SUBMARINE.

A New York telegram says that a month ago the submarine boat *Protector*, designed by Captain Lake and built at Bridgeport, was sold to Japan according to a despatch from Bridgeport, Connecticut. She is a twin-screw cigar-shaped vessel, and is fitted with a diving compartment for cutting cables and lowering mines. As indicating that there was nothing on the documents to differentiate them from other boats, it appears that besides the Chartered Bank several Japanese Banks accepted them unhesitatingly and advanced money upon them, these being the Naniwa Bank, the Sumitomo Bank, and the Third Bank. None of the banks or companies seem to have had their suspicions aroused until the *Official Gazette* of the 18th July, 1903, announced the theft of a number of the cancelled bonds from the Treasury, and ordered that the persons holding the bonds of which numbers were given should duly report the fact to the authorities.

The claim now made by the Minister of Finance is that these bonds, alleged to be cancelled but showing no sign of any cancellation, should be surrendered to the Treasury without compensation. Possibly the object of the Minister of Finance is merely to get a ruling of the Court upon the question of responsibility. Our readers will be aware that according to English law, while a title to goods in general cannot be conferred by mere delivery when evidence is produced that such goods were fraudulently acquired, an exception is made in the case of negotiable instruments like Government bonds, the object being to maintain the public credit and facilitate the medium of exchange. In that case the holders of these bonds, who came by them in a perfectly legitimate way, would be safe against attack, but it is very difficult to say what exactly the law in Japan is in this matter. The total value of the bonds stolen amounts to more than 200,000 yen, but, large as this sum is, it is as nothing compared with the injury that Japan will suffer if the public at home or abroad becomes suspicious of the genuineness of her securities on the market, while there is also the danger of a shock to the public credit if Japanese bonds should for such a reason cease to have value as negotiable securities.

JAPAN'S WAR EXPENSES.

A Tokyo despatch gives the following as the statement of the finance authorities:—The estimated war disbursements from the commencement up to the end of the present fiscal year amount to 110,000,000 yen, which sum is to be raised by temporary loans or the issue of bonds. Of this sum, 200,000,000 yen has already been raised by the first issue of the Domestic Bonds and the loans contracted in England and America. Of the remaining 210,000,000 yen, 100,000,000 yen will be derived from the second issue of Domestic Bonds just announced. The term of redemption of these bonds has been prolonged by two years beyond that of the first issue, making seven years. As already stated, the price of the new issue has been fixed at 92 yen, three yen below the figure for the first issue, a concession stated to be made in consideration of the prolongation of the term of redemption and also of the economic conditions now prevailing. It is added that the field of campaign as the result of the successive victories of Japan has greatly extended, large forces of troops being sent out in quick succession, with a consequent rapid increase in the disbursement. It is not expected, however, that the money market will be much affected by the issue of the new loan, as ample time is given for the payment of the calls, but it is natural that the market should be affected in some degree as the war expenditure increases. Both opposing armies are now on the field of Manchuria, and it is expected the campaign will reach a climax shortly, but it must be remembered that the end of the war is still far off. The nation is urged to subscribe to the bonds without hesitation and so help to final success in the war. The result of the first issue of domestic bonds was quite successful, more than double the amount being applied for, while those who applied for 200 yen or less, it is expected, concludes the despatch, that the second issue will be similarly successful.

DEARTH OF COOLIES AT HONGKONG.

Owing to the dearth of coolies at Hongkong the s.s. *Ikbal* is about to leave for Taku, where it is hoped she will be able to pick up her complement of coolies for the Rangoon. The s.s. *Stanley*, also, has gone north to fit up. The *Tweeddale* was the first vessel to leave with coolies, and, after the *Ikbal*, the *Courtfield* leaves.

THE STATUS OF BONDS.

IMPORTANT ACTION TO RECOVER CANCELLED BONDS.

A very important action is in progress in the Tokyo Courts which is likely, the *Kobe Chronicle* says, to materially affect the standing of Japanese bonds, not only in Japan but abroad. The suit in question is being brought in the name of Baron Sone, the Minister of Finance, who seeks to recover from the Chartered Bank ten bonds, of the face value each of 5,000 yen, which it is alleged were stolen from the Department of Finance. It appears from the facts which have already been disclosed that these bonds are part of the series of cancelled bonds stolen by an employee of the Finance Department about a year ago and hypothecated in various ways. The bonds were originally issued in 1898, but three years later were exchanged for bonds of different denomination. Instead of those returned to the Treasury being destroyed or defaced in some way to show that they had been cancelled, the bonds appear to have been retained in the Finance Department untouched for some months, and it was apparently the case with which the thief could be committed that led to the fraud. A man named Ikeo, who was merely a subordinate official, had access to the bonds, and in June 1902 he stole some forty of the documents and handed them over to a man named Hishiya, who raised money by hypothecating them to various banks and companies. As indicating that there was nothing on the documents to differentiate them from other bonds, it appears that besides the Chartered Bank several Japanese Banks accepted them unhesitatingly and advanced money upon them, these being the Naniwa Bank, the Sumitomo Bank, and the Third Bank. None of the banks or companies seem to have had their suspicions aroused until the *Official Gazette* of the 18th July, 1903, announced the theft of a number of the cancelled bonds from the Treasury, and ordered that the persons holding the bonds of which numbers were given should duly report the fact to the authorities.

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On the 20th ult. a man named Yam Yan Fuk, of No. 41, High Street, a contractor's son, went to see one of his school chums, Li Tsung, also the son of a contractor residing at No. 23 Third Street. His friend being out, he asked the *faik* for a loan of the bicycle, as he wanted to go for a spin. After several days Li reported at No. 7 Police Station that his friend had not returned. On making enquiries it was found that the machine had been sold for 88 at No. 42 Queen's Road East. Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

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DISOBEDIENCE A BANISHMENT ORDER.

Detective-Sergeant No. 137 charged Lam Cho Sang with returning to the Colony within a fortnight after he had been banished for five years. Lam was on his way from Canton to Fokien, but will now be detained in Hongkong gaol for 12 months.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

5th June, 1st Sunday after Trinity.
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Stanley; Psalms, Barnby, Goss & Foster; Te Deum, Hayes, Russell and Stainer; Benedic, Wesley in G; Anthem, "Beloved, let us love one another," Cobb.

Holy Communion (12 noon).
Kyrie, Calkin in D; Iliyan, 166 and 192.
Evensong (4.55 p.m.).

Responses, Ferial; Psalm, Macfarren; Hymns, King, Smart; Hymns, 291, 343, 355, and 346.

Holy Communion (12.15).
Evensong (6.30 p.m.).

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APLICATION has been made to the General Managers of this Company to issue to RUSSO-CHINESE BANK of Hongkong duplicate certificates of 200 shares in the above Company or other certificates in lieu thereof upon the Statement that the original certificates, viz.

No. 69 for 25 shares
No. 379 " 50 "
No. 380 " 50 "
No. 550 " 25 "
No. 873 " 50 "

have been lost or stolen. It is not known if such certificates were issued by the office of the Company in the Colony of Hongkong or by the office in London, and consequently the numbers of the shares cannot be given.

Notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificates is made to the General Managers they will then proceed to deal with such application for a duplicate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 1st June, 1904. [1406]

INSURANCES

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON. INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO. Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1221]

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

FIRE BRANCH.

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO. Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [1216]

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [149]

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New and additional shafts at the Takashima Colliery have been completed and this well-known best and most economical steam Coal in the East is now produced in abundance and can be supplied in any quantity.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1904. [120]

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NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor
the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE
for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or
the Crew of the following Vessels during the
stay in Hongkong Harbour.
ECLIPSE, British 4-m. barque, J. McBryde—
Standard Oil Co.
LYNDHURST, British 4-m. barque, Parnell—
Standard Oil Co.
ODD, Norwegian barque, Arnoldson—Shewan,
Tomes & Co.

THE PHILIPPINE SHIPPING BILL

The San Francisco Chronicle comments on the above Bill as follows:—The House of Representatives has passed the Bill making commerce between this country and the Philippines "conclusive" after July 1, 1906, so that after that date freight and passengers can be transported only in American ships, including, of course, Philippine ships, if there were such suitable for deep-sea traffic. The measure now goes to the Senate, which is not likely to deal with it until next winter. The Bill should pass, as it is one step more toward the complete incorporation of the Philippines into our fiscal system, without which the control of the islands will be a positive nuisance. No republic is fit to manage distant colonies or dependencies under different forms of government, and least of all the Republic of the United States of America, whose domestic interests are so extensive and diverse as to absorb the entire political energy of the people. Nevertheless, when the Bill becomes a law it will cause an increase of from \$3 to \$5 per ton in all freight between the mainland and the islands, with a corresponding increase in passenger rates, because American ships cannot be operated as cheaply as foreign ships. If the Filipinos are good sailors, American shipowners may run with Filipino crews on a rice diet and so keep down expenses. To escape the high freight rates, merchandise will be shipped to Hongkong, unloaded and reshipped whenever the additional cost is less than the additional freight, and passengers can always take that course. As commerce between the Philippines and this country will be made by this Bill more costly than between the island and foreign countries, we are likely, under that law, to have even less trade with the Philippines than now. When this becomes apparent there will be a tremendous pressure from the shipping interests to remedy the trouble by legislation which will direct trade this way and enable it to bear the increased expense of transportation in American ships. Should the Act go into force at once, the Spanish ships would get the trade, as they are operated cheaply and until 1908 have, by treaty, all the rights of American ships in Philippine commerce. As all this is perfectly understood in Washington, it may be presumed that the enactment of this Shipping Bill is in contemplation of another Act admitting Philippine products to our markets without payment of duty.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904:

Demand continued brisk, during the early part of the week under review, but latterly a lull has set in, and with few exceptions our market closes mostly with sellers at current quotations. China Sugars and Indos have again proved the chief attraction, but whilst the former have still further advanced, the latter have fallen away somewhat from the highest point realised.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled steady, a few shares being obtainable at quoted rate, viz. \$667. London has advanced to \$68 and continue in request at that figure.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have weakened, and a few shares are now obtainable at \$545. China Traders have sold and are in further request at \$60. North China have been booked locally at Tls. 62. Yangtze are unchanged at \$130. Cantons, after sales at \$220, have receded to \$217 sellers.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong Fires are still in request at \$110.

Chinas are wanted at \$874, no shares being obtainable under \$86.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are in some request at the reduced rate of \$30, after sales of \$314 and \$31. Indo-Chinas, after advancing rapidly from \$119 to \$231, with sales at intermediate rates, have fallen away, and a few shares are now said to be obtainable at \$119 cash.

A fair forward business has also been transacted at rather less than equivalent cash rates up to \$123 for December delivery. China and Manilas have sold at \$23 to \$26, but close easier with sellers at \$26.

Discounts have been booked and can still be procured at \$36. Star Ferries continue in request at \$32 (old) and 23 (new) ex the dividend and bonus of 22 per cent. for the year ending 30th April 1904, paid on the 2nd instant. Shell Transports have sold at 23 and further lots could probably be placed at that rate.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have continued to advance, and a considerable business has been transacted at rapidly rising rates up to \$165 cash, at which it is probable that further buyers could be found. Lazons continue neglected at \$0 sellers.

MINING.—Punjoms are still on offer at 40 cents. Raubs after sales at \$73 are on offer to a small extent at \$7.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have sold at \$215 and close steady with probable buyers at the rate. Kowloon Wharves have weakened and are on offer at \$110. New Amoy Docks are neglected at \$30. Farnham have advanced to Tls. 155 with buyers both locally and in the north.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$158 and are now procurable at \$137½. Kowloon Lands have sold and are in further request at \$36. West Points have improved to \$58 buyers. Hongkong Hotels are steady with probable buyers at \$137 after small sale at \$138. Humphreys Estates (old) have sold at \$122, and (new) at \$4 and \$4½, the latter closing in further request. Shanghai Lands are unchanged at Tls. 109.

COTTON MILLS.—Quotations from the North are as follows:—Ewes Tls. 30 sellers. Soo Chee Tls. 160 sellers. Internationals and Leon Kung Mows quiet at Tls. 27 and Tls. 32 respectively. Locally there is no change, and Hongkong are still in the market at \$14.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Island Cements have continued to advance, and are now procurable at \$28. A. & Watsons, after sales at \$13, ex the dividend of 50 cents per share for 1903, are said to be obtainable at \$13. Ices have advanced to \$220 buyers. China Provinces have sold at \$9 and are procurable at \$9. China Light and Powers have improved to \$52 buyers.

MENOS.—China Light and Power Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting on the 9th June, extraordinary yearly meeting on the 6th instant. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., extraordinary general meeting on the 15th June.

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1341]

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [164]

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DR. M. H. CHAUN.

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From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904. [164]

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	On 11th June.	
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	KINTUCK	On 17th June.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	KEEMUN	On 25th June.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	MOYUNE	On 1st July.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	DARDANUS	On 14th July.	

HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	DEUCALION	On 7th June.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	TEENKAI	On 15th June.
LONDON and ANTWERP	AGAMEMNON	On 21st June.
LONDON and ANTWERP	YANGTSE	On 5th July.
LONDON and ANTWERP	KINTUCK	On 19th July.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	KEEMUN	On 25th July.
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	STENTOR	On 16th June.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 30th May, 1904.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, SWATOW, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	* WHAMFOA	On 4th June.
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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1904.

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Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, POET SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking cargo on through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALLAGA.)

THE Steamship

"CAPRI," Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1904.

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For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1904.

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FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$3.

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With liberty to call at Philippine Ports.

THE Steamship

"SENEJA," will be despatched as above on or about the 15th June.

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Hongkong, 21st May, 1904.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer.

"YANGTSE,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 31st inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 6th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th prox., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 8th prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, HAMBURG, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE,"

Captain J. M. Haffner, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th inst., at 2.15 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1904.

[1402]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND PORTS.

THE Company's Chartered Steamship

"BORDER KNIGHT,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, To-DAY, the 1st inst.

Goods not cleared before the 7th inst., will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 10th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1904.

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PARIS

PERFUMERS

RIGAUD ET CIE

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
The American mail ex Moylegia will be transferred at Kobe to the German mail steamer *Sachsen*, which is due here on or about the 7th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	FROM	DATE
Canton		Saturday, 4th, 7.30 A.M.
Zafra		Saturday, 4th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila		Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore		Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore		Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
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Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	(Late Letters 10.45 to 11.15 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)
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Macau		Saturday, 4th, 10.45 A.M.
Shanghai		Saturday, 4th, 11.00 A.M.
Hoihoi and Haiphong		Saturday, 4th, 11.15 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan		Saturday, 4th, 11.30 A.M.
Namking		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Thales		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Fritjof		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Easter		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Taichu		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Haifu		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Wingchau		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Palashan		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Linton		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Taichau		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Hoi Fu		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Wingchau		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Macquarie		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Kobe		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Namtao		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Sanbue		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Macao		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Namtao		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Sanbue		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Macao		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Kongmouen, Kanchuk and Samshui		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Namtao		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Sanbue		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Macao		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Swatow, Chefoo and Tientsin		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
Shanghai		Saturday, 4th, 11.45 A.M.
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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
3rd June.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	100
	Bank Bills, on demand	100
	Bank Bills, at 80 days' sight	100
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	100
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	100
	Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	100
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	226
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	229
ON GERMANY.—	On demand	184
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	43
	Credits, 60 days' sight	44
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer	134
	Bank, on demand	134
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	134
	Bank, on demand	134
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	712
	Private, 30 days' sight	724
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand	881
	Nominal	
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand	100
	Nominal	
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand	107
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand	21 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand	21 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand	63
	SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11
	Gold LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	57.70
	BAR SILVER, per oz.	25

OPIUM.

3rd June.

Quotations are:— Allow 'em net, to 1 catty.
Molva New \$1040 to \$1060 per picul
Molva Old \$1100 to \$1140
Molva Older \$1200 to \$1240
Molva V. Old \$1250 to \$1280
Persian fine quality \$850 to —
Persian extra fine \$900 to —
Persian New \$1240 to — per catty.
Persian Old \$1260 to —
Banars New \$1190 to —
Banars Old \$1220 to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Sachsen* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shikoku on Monday, a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 7th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Seydla* left Colombo on the 25th ult., a.m., and may be expected here on the 8th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Laisa*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 31st ult., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on the 6th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M.R. steamer *Mongolia* left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki and Manila on the 1st inst. The T.K.K. steamer *America* *Mara*, from San Francisco to the 12th ult., via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port on the 1st inst., a.m., via Island Sea, &c.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Tuesday, the 24th ult., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

Per *Kwangtung*, from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, and Mr. Currie.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 3rd June.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE V'LUE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30/-div. & 10/- bonus at 1/84=22.88 per share for 2nd half year ended 31-12-1903	\$657, sellers. London 266.
National Bank of China, Ltd. Do. Founders' Shares	20,010 A	\$10	.28	3/6 per share	\$38, sellers & buyers.
National Bank of China, Ltd. Do. Founders' Shares	14,442 B	\$10	.21	3/6 at 1/84=22.88	\$38, sellers & buyers.
Marine Insurance.	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$82 for 1902 10/-p.c. for year ended 30/4/03	\$645, sellers.
Union Ins. Society, Ltd. China Traders' Ins. Co. Ltd.	24,000	\$100	\$23.33	10/- Int. div. account 1903.	\$60, buyers.
North China Ins. Co. Ltd.	10,000	\$105	.25	10/- Int. div. account 1903.	Ths. 62, sales.
Yangtze Ins. Assocs. Ltd. Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$50	\$12=20 p. ct. for 1902	\$150.
Fire Insurances.	5,000	\$250	\$50	\$221 for 1902	\$310, buyers.
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co. Ltd. China Fire Ins. Co. Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$50	\$221 for 1902	\$350, buyers.
Star Ferry Co., Limited	20,000	\$10	.25	10/- Int. div. account 1903.	\$32, ex div. buyers.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	.21	Int. div. of p. share (compon. No. 4) on account of 1903.	256, sales.
Do. Preference	100,000	\$10	.21	10/- p. c. for 1900.	\$26, sellers.
Engineering.	20,000	\$100	\$50	6 per cent. for year ended 30/6/1903	\$36, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Fin. of 7 p. c. making in all 12 p. c. for 1903	\$164, buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co. Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1907	39, sellers.
Mining.	60,000	\$11	\$11	None	40 cts, sellers.
Punjab Mining Co. Ltd. Do. Preference	30,000	\$15	\$15	Fin. of 5 p. c. making in all 10 p. c. for 1903	\$490.
Rank Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	16,000	\$250	\$250	1/2 p. share=23cts.	57, sellers.
Docks, Warehouses, &c.	50,000</td				

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LAGDEN'S LUCK,

(A STRANGE LOVE STORY).

BY TOM GALLON.

Author of "Tatherby," "The Mystery of Joko Peppercorn," &c.

CHAPTER IX.

THE BRIDESMOTHER'S RETURN.

Earlier on the evening of that day on which Mr. George Frith was destined to make a splendid appearance as a gentleman-at-large, an old man came out of a little house in a street in Kilburn. A very old man, with a long white beard, a man who beat heavily over a stick, as though unfeasted with age. A poverty-stricken old man, in his clothes were shabby and worn and weather-worn; a lonely old man, apparently, because, while all the other little houses in the same road presently showed lights in their windows, the house from which he had emerged remained dark and apparently untenanted.

Getting a lift in a bus occasionally, and walking a great deal, the old man presently came to Dimples Spruce. And then he waited about in the summer evening, for quite a long time.

He had arrived so early, that he was in time to see Mr. George Frith saunter forth, smoking a cigarette, towards that public house whence Mr. Jim Cowle was presently to find him. A little later, and Miss Jane Nudds came up the area steps, shouting her sighs painedly, and, giving a glance down as much of her back as she could see, set off at a brisk walk for some unknown destination. Five minutes afterwards, the old man suddenly crossed the road, and mounted the three or four steps which led to the front door.

One might have expected the visitor to knock, or ring, in the usual way. Instead of that, however, he quietly inserted a key in the lock, and the next moment had glided into the narrow little hall, closing the door behind him. Once inside, he seemed to know his way perfectly, and, after listening for a moment at the door of one of the lower rooms, he quietly glided upstairs.

It was the custom of Mr. Clement Frith to spend a large part of the day in his room upstairs. In the evening he would often be found there, smoking a cheap cigar and drinking his evening glass; and in most cases Dora was with him. The younger children were generally sent away at that time, to amuse themselves elsewhere; Mr. Clement Frith pleaded that they disturbed him. On this particular evening, he was so deeply immersed in his paper, that he did not hear a timid question addressed to him, more than once, by his daughter.

At last he turned impatiently towards her, snatched the paper fiercely with his hand and spoke:

"It's a very singular thing that a man who has toiled for his family, as I have done, through all these years, and given them a place in the world—actually placed them in quite an aristocratic part of London—Kensington, in fact—should still not be able to secure peace, when the labours of the day are done. Have I not, told you, Dora, that I, with my superior knowledge of the world, am acting for you in a difficult matter, and acting for the best; have I not assured you that you may trust your poor father through all things, and fear nothing?"

"But, father dear," she urged quickly, "the stone was given to me—consecrated to my care. I only want to know where it is."

"You don't trust me?" he asked, with a sad shake of the head.

"Indeed, I do; only I am afraid of all that may happen. The threat of that man we thought to be a doctor, the strange people who have called at the house; the value and mystery of this diamond; the disappearance of the man Lagden—all these things frightened me. We are playing with fire; we are playing with death itself."

"My dear Dora, I decline to say anything more about the matter. The diamond is a safe keeping; when I produce it, you will be able to thank me, and you will, I think, feel some sorrow for your unjust suspicion regarding me. Let us say no more, I beg."

With much dignity, Mr. Clement Frith resumed his paper, and Dora sat down hopelessly near him, striving to work. The man outside the door, which presently he arrived, glided in so noiselessly that for a moment or two he was able to stand there unobserved, while he watched them. It was only when he coughed suddenly, that Dora started and sprang up. Mr. Frith hid his paper again.

"Your servant, sir—and yours, lady," said the man, in a deep voice.

"What does this intrusion mean?" asked Mr. Frith, starting to his feet. "How do you come in here?"

"A young party was going out as I came in," said the man, with a sudden remembrance of the departure of Miss Nudds. "I asked her where I could find you; she told me, and I walked up. There's nothing to be afraid of; it's only a little matter of business."

They both stood staring at the man. He had pulled off his hat, and stood there fingering the brim of it; glancing furtively at them, and then at the floor alternately. Very slowly, Dora came round the table, so as to get nearer to him; then, as he raised his eyes, she gave a sudden sharp cry, and started away.

"What do you want?" she asked, in a quiet whisper. "I know you now."

The man laughed, slowly pulled off the heavy wig and whiskers he wore, revealing his own closely-cropped, grey hair, and showing at once who he was. It was her husband—Josiah Lagden.

Instantly, Mr. Clement Frith started forward sternly. The situation was one which had to be gripped, and he saw that his only chance was in a splendid game of bluff. Lagden stopped, in the act of taking off his long, shabby overcoat, and jerked his head quickly towards him.

"I don't want you to speak," he said doggedly. "It's the little girl I've come to see—not you. I may have a word or two to say to you later. Don't distract yourself on my account; sit down."

He proceeded to take off his overcoat; they watched him, fascinated. When he had got one arm out of the sleeve, he reached that arm round to the breast pocket of the overcoat, and took something from it. That something was a revolver. He laid this slowly on the table; and then, in an unconcerned manner, finished taking off the coat, tossing it on a chair. He picked up the revolver and slipped it somewhere inside his inner coat; then he sat down, and busily wiped his forehead of the heavy drops of perspiration which covered it.

"Hot work, my dear?" he said, with a smile—walking through the streets on a summer's night, wrapped up like this. Hair weighty and that coat—however, let's get to business."

Once more Mr. Clement Frith endeavoured to break in. "If you think, sir, that you are coming here disguised and armed, to threaten us, I can assure you that there is a law in the land."

"Don't talk to me about the law," said Lagden softly. "I'm sorry I made use of you; but I didn't think of myself only. I saw you—hard-worked and struggling—and I thought you might give you a lift; I would have gone right out of your life, and you should have had something sent you, from time to time, and wouldn't have known where it came from. Whenever I made a bit, you should have shared it; whenever Lagden's luck was in, you'd have been a rich woman, and I'd never have come near you, except just the once, to get the diamond."

"But you don't understand," she exclaimed, starting to her feet, and facing him with tear-streaked eyes. "How could I possibly have taken from you what you—"

"That's it," he said slowly, seeing that she paused on the word, "what I stole, I was wrong; I never thought of that. Only you see, you wouldn't have known; I was going to do it all in secret. While I was hunted into prison—and in again—I should have known that there was a little girl, who carried my name in secret, and lived without knowing it, on what I sent her."

"What are your plans now?" asked Mr. Clement Frith, after a pause.

"My plans are changed," said Lagden. "I meant to slip away, for six months or so, while it was given out all round that I was dead. Then I was coming back, after all the bother was done, to get the stone, and clear out once more. Who did it, I don't know; I expect it was the man who helped me, by pretending to be a doctor; I mean the man Sime. Anyhow, it soon got abroad that Josiah Lagden was very much alive; Josiah Lagden being wanted, London is a little too hot to hold him. So I have to clear out earlier than I thought. Now, if you can give me the stone, my dears (for being a woman, I am afraid you're locked into the past by this time), I'll say good-bye. And you needn't be afraid," he added impressively, "that I shall ever trouble you any more. So far as you're concerned, Josiah Lagden is dead, and you are his widow."

"I mean that you must get the stone, and bring it to me," said Lagden slowly. "Every place at which I'm known is closely watched; I should be caught like a rat in a trap, if I even attempted to go near the place. Why, this man Pipe got into trouble once with me, over a matter of stolen goods, but managed to slip out of it. You must get the stone, and bring it to me."

Dora, averting her face from his, proceeded to do what he asked; he watched her quietly, and when she had set it down before him, raised the glass towards her, and drank slowly. A moment later, he put the glass down, slipped his hand inside his coat, and rose. Going to the door, he opened it, and passed outside, came back in a moment, looking at Frith suspiciously.

"There ain't anyone else in the house—is there?" he asked, still standing with his hand inside his coat.

"Only the younger children," said Mr. Clement Frith. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, it wouldn't be healthy for anyone else to be here to-night," replied the man, setting himself, after first shifting his chair so as to get a view of the door. "You spoke to me just now about the law; here's my law."

He tapped the breast of his coat, and laughed. "I am sure I had no intention to offend in any way," said Mr. Clement Frith hurriedly.

"Don't," retorted the man. "You, who sit here in your quiet home, and go abroad into the streets when you like, without fear or favour—what do you know of the likes of me? For me, every policeman is ready to stretch-out an arm, for me, every police-station flares a danger signal at night; for me, men spend sleepless nights, and hunt and plot, and would try any dodge to get me. And then you talk to me about the law!"

It was always when he turned to Mr. Clement Frith that the real nature of the man leapt out, even now, though he had spoken bitterly, freely, and suddenly, his mood changed when he looked towards Dora; half wistfully, he stretched out a hand towards her, although he did not touch her.

"I never meant to say anything rough while you were here," he said. "You're all right; you're the sort that's made for good men—not some like me. You needn't turn away your head; I wouldn't harm you, if I died for it the next minute."

"I am quite sure you would not," she replied, and looked at him fully.

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"Yes, yes, but where?" exclaimed Lagden, in a low, suppressed voice. "Who has it now?"

"I took it to a man with whom I was acquainted, a day or two ago. His name's Pipe, and he lives in a small street in Notting Dale."

"I know the man! I've dealt with him," said Lagden shortly. "Deals in anything and everything. Now, how are you going to get it?"

"Me?" exclaimed Mr. Clement Frith, with a gasp. "You surely don't mean that I—"

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"You needn't mind mentioning it," was the reply. "If he won't take my warning, perhaps he'll take yours. There's been blood enough shed over this business already; but I've gone too deep to turn back. To-morrow night you will find me, unless anything happens in the meantime, at this address. I don't want to write it; it might be dangerous. Have you a good memory?"

"Yes, I will remember," replied Dora quietly.

"No. 43, Jubilee Terrace, Kilburn," said the man slowly. "The house has been standing empty for a long time; I got the key by a trick. I shan't be there many hours; I'll be out of the country, as soon as I get the diamond. Do you understand?"

Lagden paused at the door, after he had got on his disguise and his long, shabby overcoat, and looked back at her. Of Mr. Clement Frith he took not the faintest notice.

"I'm glad I'll see you again," he said to Dora. "After that, don't be afraid; you'll never set eyes on me again, and I'll never drag your name into the mud in which I walk. Don't forget the address; and come at night."

He went out of the room, and down the stairs. They heard the outer door close sharply, while they looked at each other in silence.

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